

Mississippi Lawmakers Push Secret Red Hunt

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JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 16 | ing has been held or an-
While charges of Communist | nounced.
influence in the civil rights | Many of the summer proj-
summer project here continue | ect volunteers will be leaving
to float around the State, a | at the end of this month, and
legislative committee is inves- | committee Chairman George
tigating the situation on a | Yarbrough, a State senator
strictly secret basis.

The committee was formed |
last month after U. S. Sen. |
James O. Eastland declared |
that "second-generation agita- |
tors" were prominent in the |
summer project. The epithet to |
summer project. The epithet |
referred to the sons and |
daughters of persons Eastland |
identified as "oldtime Com- |
munists."

The six-member legislative |
committee has hired a team of |
investigators, including three |
lawyers. It has full subpoena |
powers. So far no public hear-

ing has been held or an-
nounced.

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ect volunteers will be leaving
at the end of this month, and
committee Chairman George
Yarbrough, a State senator
from Red Banks, says, "I
wouldn't cry too much if they
would all leave."

But Yarbrough says the in-
vestigation will be "very
thorough" and indicated that
the committee's report will
not be released until after
most of the volunteers have
gone.

Spokesmen for the Council
of Federated Organizations
(COFO), which is directing the
summer project here, have
consistently denied that there
is any Communist influence in
the project.